

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 3147**

February 21, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Removes the requirement that a convicted felon must have paid all court ordered restitution and costs before having his or her voting rights restored. Requires the Coordinator of Elections to amend the certificate of restoration form for voting rights and to provide a statement indicating that the full payment of restitution and court costs is no longer a prerequisite to have voting rights restored.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

**Assumptions:**

- The number of convicted felons whose outstanding restitution and court costs are preventing them from having their voting rights restored cannot be determined; however, the number of these individuals is expected to be not significant.
- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, any impact on caseloads of state trial and appellate courts can be accommodated within existing judicial resources.
- The certificate of restoration is created in-house and may be printed from the Internet. The Board of Probation and Parole currently use an electronic format of the form. Any increase in state expenditures to amend the certificate of restoration will be not significant.
- Any fiscal impact on state or local government will be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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